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In re Application of: Joseph M. Asher et al.  
Serial No.: 10/798,115  
Filing Date: March 10, 2004  
Group Art Unit: 3711  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH-SPEED  
PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING USING A CLEARINGHOUSE

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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. The updated Filing Receipt was received July 22, 2004. The last item received by Applicants was a Notice of New Or Revised Projected Publication Date, dated March 24, 2005. Applicants are currently awaiting a first Office Action.

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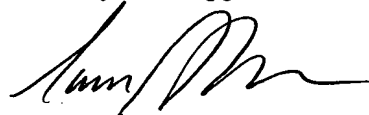
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**REMARKS**

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and neither a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 nor a Notice of Allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151 have been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

Applicants do not believe any fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts LLP. If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (214) 953-6581.

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